

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 19, 2007

TO: Mayor McGilton and City Council

FROM: Scott Greenberg, AICP, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Quarterly Permit Activity Report—
4th Quarter 2006 and 2006 Annual Report

I'm pleased to present the Community Development Department's 4th quarter and annual report. As you can see, 2006 was a very busy year. Permits were issued for a new Cedarhurst Elementary School, continuing improvements at Highline Medical Center, and new buildings for Nissan, Watermark Credit Union, Village at Miller Creek, mixed use at 135th and Ambaum, and E&M airport parking. We expect 2007 to be equally as busy with the construction of Town Square buildings and Shorewood Elementary. The full report is attached. Here are some of the highlights:

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS:

- For the 3rd consecutive quarter, we issued a record number of permits (550). For the year we issued just over 2000 permits --a 13% increase over last year.
- Permit revenues exceeded \$1 million--a 47% increase over last year. Valuation of these permits exceeded \$65 million--a 65% increase over last year.
- Review and approval of construction-related permits met our target approval dates 96% of the time. Approval of new single-family home permits met targets only 77% of the time—mostly due to the extra review time needed to work with one applicant to resolve serious code issues on an 8-unit housing project. Except for that one project, we met approval targets 95% of the time for all other new single-family homes.
- Our building inspectors performed over 6,400 inspections in 2006—an average of 7 per workday. They also provided nearly 700 inspections and 50 plan reviews for the City of Normandy Park (through our building and planning services contract).

PLANNING AND LAND USE PERMITS AND REVIEWS:

- Our planning staff handled fewer land use applications in 2006 than in 2005. There were 65 pre-application meetings (down 22% from 2005); 88 land use applications received (down 13% from 2005) and 34 major land use decisions issued (down 21% from 2005).
- For the 34 major decisions issued, we met our target approval dates 79% of the time (tied for the highest with 2004).